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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend the drawings as shown on the enclosed sheets. The drawing figures are amended to respond to the objections set forth in the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004.

In the event there are any fees due or owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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